

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAFAYETTE PUBLIC UTILITIES AUTHORITY OF THE CITY-PARISH OF LAFAYETTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 6, 2004.

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL: Christopher J. Williams, Ph.D (District 3), Bruce Conque (District 6), Marc Mouton District 7), Rob Stevenson (District 8)

ABSENT: Louis C. Benjamin, Jr. (District 4)

COUNCIL STAFF: Norma Dugas (Clerk), Anne Patin (Senior Administrative Assistant)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Terry Huval (Utilities Director)

COMMENCEMENT

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(000) AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to order.

Councilmember Rob Stevenson called the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority Meeting of January 6, 2004, to order. The Chair then welcomed Bruce Conque (newly-elected Councilmember) and Mike Hebert (Interim Lafayette City-Parish Attorney), Dee Stanley (newly appointed CAO) and Joey Durel (newly-elected Lafayette City-Parish President)

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(014) AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Election of Chair and Vice Chair in accordance with Section 4-07 of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government Home Rule Charter and Resolution No. R-013-98(LPUA), Section 1.

Chair

A motion was offered by Mouton, seconded by Conque to elect Councilmember **Rob Stevenson** as Chair, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Williams, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Benjamin

RECUSED: None

Motion was unanimously approved.

Vice Chair

A motion was offered by Williams, seconded by Conque to elect Councilmember **Marc Mouton** as Vice Chair, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Williams, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Benjamin

RECUSED: None

Motion was unanimously approved.

Chair Stevenson thanked the LPUA members for their vote of confidence. He reiterated the importance of the expansion of LUS. He opined that the rates and reliability of the system are what brings business into this city and parish. Vice Chair Mouton echoed Chair Stevenson's sentiments.

EXECUTIVE/PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(075) AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: President's Report.

L. J. Durel, Jr., newly-elected Lafayette City-Parish President, remarked that LUS represented the best opportunity for economic development and is one of the greatest tools for Lafayette that most other communities do not have. He further stated that he looks forward to working with everyone.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(086) AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: LUS Director's Report.

Huval thanked the Chair and Vice Chair for their positive statements regarding LUS. He stated there are many great opportunities to be taken advantage of for the citizens of Lafayette Parish. He and the staff are looking forward to working, again, with the LPUA.

RESOLUTIONS

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(106) AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: R-001-2004(LPUA) A resolution of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority approving the appointment by the Lafayette City-Parish President of a Director of the Utilities Department, motion to adopt by Mouton, seconded by Williams, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Williams, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Benjamin

RECUSED: None

Motion was unanimously approved.

The Chair then congratulated Mr. Huval on his reappointment.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(116) AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: R-002-2004(LPUA) A resolution of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority approving the appointment by the Lafayette City-Parish President of a Director and alternate Director on the Board of Directors of Louisiana Energy and Power Authority (LEPA), motion to adopt by Mouton, seconded by Conque, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Williams, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Benjamin

RECUSED: None

Motion was unanimously approved.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(125) AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: R-003-2004(LPUA) A resolution of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority approving a change in the fees charged by Special Legal Counsel, Spiegel & McDiarmid, motion to adopt by Mouton, seconded by Conque, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Williams, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Benjamin

RECUSED: None

Motion was unanimously approved.

Huval explained that Spiegel and McDiarmid has been a long-time legal firm that has been dealing with LUS and other power entities throughout the country, particularly regarding the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Federal Communications Commission and the Environmental Protection Agency. They have saved the citizens millions of dollars over the past years and charge considerably less than a Washington-based firm. He felt that the request for an increase in fees was a small investment considering the kind of service it brings to Lafayette.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(210) AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 - 10: A motion was offered by Mouton, seconded by Williams, to approve the following ordinances for introduction, in-globo, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Williams, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Benjamin

RECUSED: None

Motion was unanimously approved.

8. O-001-2004(LPUA) An ordinance of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority providing for the abandonment of portions of the public alleys in Block 2 and Block 3 of McComb Addition.

9. O-002-2004(LPUA) An ordinance of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority amending Ordinance No. O-017-2003 (LPUA), Sections 3 and 4 to include additional limits for the North Booster Well and Storage Facility Project.
10. O-003-2004(LPUA) An ordinance of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority providing for the abandonment of a portion of a utility niche on Lot D-77 in Phase VI-A of the Village of River Ranch, having a municipal address of 809 Richland Avenue.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(230) AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Comments from the public on other matters.

Jeffrey Landry addressed the Council regarding late fees on his utility bill. Huval stated that the main problem with the account seems to be delinquency. He offered that someone from LUS would contact Mr. Landry to resolve the issue.

ADJOURN

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(300) There being no further business to come before the LPUA, Chair Stevenson declared the LPUA Meeting adjourned.

NORMA A. DUGAS, CLERK
LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL